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SUBJECT: VISIT BY CONSUL GENERAL TO TALLINN

1. MY FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO TALLINN (JANUARY 9-12),
ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND DPO RUECKERT, PRODUCED NO
SURPRISES OR SERIOUS EFFORTS TO EMBARRASS U.S. IN CONNECTION
WITH OUR NON-RECOGNITION POLICY. VISIT GENERALLY REAFFIRMED
THE IMPRESSIONS REPORTED BY PREVIOUS VISITORS OF A SMALL
COUNTRY WHICH IS TRYING WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS TO PURSUE
ITS IDENTITY AND RELATIVELY FAVORED POSITION INSIDE USSR.

2. NON-RECOGNITION POLICY. IN CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY
PROTOCOL SECTION TO FIRM UP PROGRAM, NO REFERENCE WAS MADE
TO INITIAL PROPOSAL (WHICH I HAD TURNED DOWN) THAT I LAY
WREATH ON MONUMENT TO THOSE WHO DIED IN "FIGHT AGAINST
FASCISM" DURING WWII (LENINGRAD 0024 TO MOSCOW). DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER K. TURK EXPRESSED REGRET THAT I ALSO DID
NOT WISH TO AUTHORIZE A BRIEF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING
MY VISIT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT
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ESTONIANS KNEW WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE THEIR INCORPORATION INTO
USSR, BUT THIS DID NOT HURT THEM, AND THEY ANTICIPATED WE
WOULD ACCEPT REALITY ONE DAY. FOR MATTER OF RECORD, I CON-
TINUED WHAT I UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN PAST PRACTICE OF NOT
RPT NOT FLYING FLAG WHEN VISITING FOREIGN MINISTRY (BUT
FLYING IT ON OTHER CALLS), AND OF REQUESTING TRANSLATION
FROM ENGLISH INTO ESTONIAN, RATHER THAN SPEAKING IN RUSSIAN,

WHEN TALKING, E.G., WITH TALLINN MAYOR. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OFFICIALS WERE OBVIOUSLY IRRITATED BY MY USE OF ENGLISH. DURING EXCHANGES OF DINNERS, VISITS TO COLLECTIVE FARM, ETC., WE FOREWENT CUMBERSOME TRANSLATION. I SHALL BE FOLLOWING THIS PATTERN DURING ALL VISITS TO BALTIC STATES.

3. VISIT TO PARTY OFFICIALS. I WAS REFUSED VISIT TO GORKOM FIRST SECRETARY (REPEATING PATTERN OF ARKHANGEL'SK VISIT) ON A TRANSPARENTLY FLIMSY EXCUSE. I PROPOSE TO MAKE TIMING OF MY NEXT VISIT, WHETHER FIRST TO RIGA OR VILINUS, DEPEND ON WHERE FIRST SECRETARY WILL RECEIVE ME. IN PRESSING FOR VISITS WITH PARTY AS OPPOSED MERELY TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' (INCLUDING REQUEST TO HAVE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS PAY CALL ON LENINGRAD GORKOM FIRST SECRETARY ARISTOV AND AMBASSADOR ON ROMANOV DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO LENINGRAD), I CONTINUE TO ARGUE IMPORTANCE AND RIGHT OF DIPLOMATS TO SEE POLICY-MAKING AS OPPOSED TO MANAGERIAL OFFICIALS IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES. I REALIZE WE HAVE LITTLE REVERSE LEVERAGE ON SOVIETS IN U.S. (EXCEPT THROUGH ADVERSE PUBLICITY) TO IMPROVE OUR ACCESS, BUT HOPE THAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE USED TO MAKE POINT SYSTEMATICALLY WITH APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS.

4. SUBSTANTIVELY, CHAT WITH "MAYOR" KALLION AND VISITS TO . MODEL FISHING COLLECTIVE, KIROV AND STATE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL CENTER AND LIVESTOCK COLLECTIVE FARM WERE USEFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT WE WERE TURNED DOWN ON REQUEST TO VISIT PORT (APPARENTLY UNDER A RELUCTANT REPUBLICAN MINISTRY RATHER THAN CITY AUTHORITY -- "COME BACK IN SUMMER") AND CYBERNETICS PLANT (NO EXPLANATION).

5. FOLLOWING WERE A FEW COMMENTS OR IMPRESSIONS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST.

-- ASKED HOW AUTHORITIES HOPED TO COPE WITH SHORTAGE OF LABOR, MAYOR MADE CLEAR POLICY WAS TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY PER CAPITA, NOT IMPORT LABOR FROM OTHER REPUBLICS, I.E., MORE RUSSIANS.

-- OLD CENTER OF TALLINN IS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED WITH HELP OF 100-150 POLISH SPECIALISTS; CONTRACT IS ABOUT TO BE SIGNED.

-- PREPARATIONS FOR 1980 OLYMPIC YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIP IN TALLINN ARE FOCUS OF (OR PRETEXT FOR) MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, WHICH WILL SUBSTANTIALLY EXPAND TALLINN'S TOURIST FACILITIES. THIS WILL INCLUDE: NEW 850 ROOM LOCALLY-CONSTRUCTED HOTEL, YACHTING CENTER, NEW ROADS, RESTAURANT AND BEACH FACILITIES, AND EXPANSION OF SAILBOAT CONSTRUCTION

FACILITIES.

-- ESTONIA IS MORE THAN SELF-SUFFICIENT IN MEATS, EGGS,
POULTRY (A CLAIM CONFIRMED BY VISITS TO STANDS).

-- COLLECTIVE AND STATE FARMS ARE ASSISTING AT LEAST
SELECTED SPECIALISTS TO BUILD PRIVATE HOMES.

-- THERE IS ENERGETIC PROGRAM UNDERWAY TO EXPAND
PARTICULARLY ARTIFICIAL FISH BREEDING FACILITIES, AND THE
TARGET FOR FISH HARVEST IN THE BALTIC SHOWS SOME INCREASE
OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. (FINNISH CONGEN CLAIMED THAT
ESTONIAN FISHERMEN WERE BEING HIT BY 200 MILE LIMIT AND
FORCED TO REDUCE WHAT IS A VERY PROFITABLE EXPORT TO OTHER
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PARTS OF THE USSR. FISHING COLLECTIVE DIRECTOR CLAIMED TO
BE ABLE TO INCREASE CATCH, BUT ALSO TO BE INTERESTED IN
PRESERVING SPECIES).

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-- WE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ENERGY SHORTAGE. GAS FROM
SHALE OIL IS MIXED WITH PIPED NATURAL GAS TO SUPPLY CITY

POWER.

-- FINALLY, ESTONIAN NIGHT LIFE LIVED UP FULLY TO ITS
REPUTATION FOR BEING A WESTERN OUTPOST IN USSR, COMPLETE
WITH LARGELY AMERICAN SONGS AND ATTRACTIVE COSTUMES WHICH
GENERALLY MADE NO EFFORT TO HIDE SOME MOST UN-RUSSIAN
FIGURES.

6. AIRGRAMS FOLLOW ON TALLINN CITY, OLYMPICS AND VISITS TO
COLLECTIVE FARMS. BUCHANAN

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